GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF RETIREMENT AGE
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated youths deprived of employment due to increase in the retirement age of Union Government employees from 58 to 60 years;

(b) whether keeping in view the employment problem in the country the Government are contemplating to reduce the retirement age of Union Government employees from 60 to 58 years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE II DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) : The age of retirement has no one to one relationship with the employment opportunities and as such the increase in age of retirement has not affected the overall employment market. Even prior to increase in age of retirement, large number of employees of the Central Government belonging to Group D and workmen category, scientific and technical personnel, school teachers and a section of Doctors used to retire at the age of 60 years. The vacancies in these cadres continue to be available for fresh recruitment further reducing the impact on unemployment. However, to ensure that unemployed youth are not put to disadvantage, the maximum age of entry into Government service through open competition has also been increased by two years.

(b) & (c): There is no proposal under consideration to reduce the age of retirement of Union Government employees from 60 to 58 years.

(d) : With opening of the infrastructure sectors like telecom, power roads, communication, posts, etc. to the private entrepreneurs, the employment opportunities have increased considerably. Moreover, a number of employment generating schemes are being implemented.